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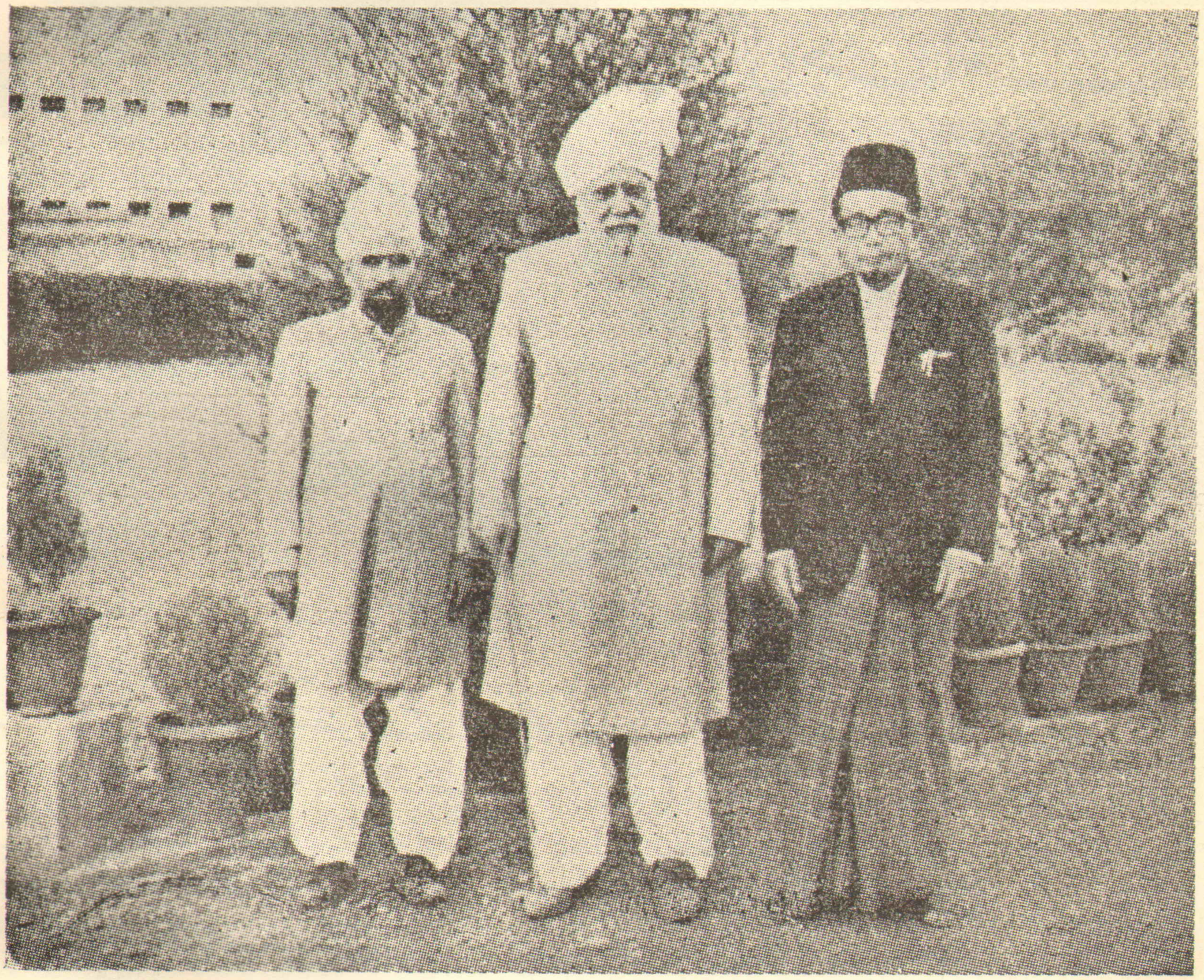
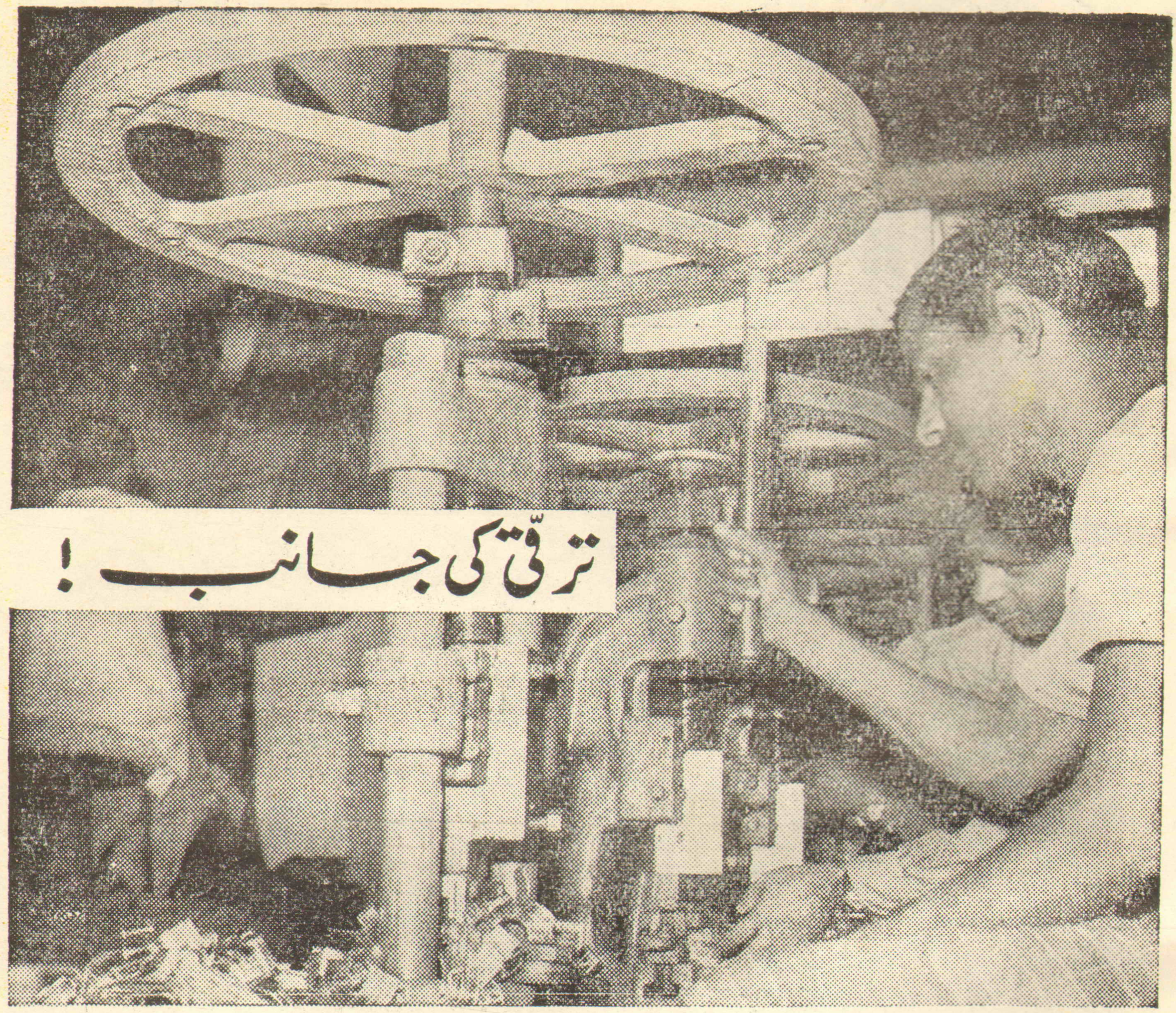


Maulana Abu Bakr Ayub—on the left of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III—visited Rabwah on his way to Holland (from Indonesia). A reception was arranged in his honour by Vakalat-i-Tabshir. This photograph was taken on that occasion.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III very graciously agreed to be photographed with Maulana Ayub and the Editor of the Tahrik-i-Jadid.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The Promised Messiah, peace be on him, says :

"The example makes things easier. The prophets appear in the world to give an example and the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, was the compendium of all the examples, because in him were to be found the examples that all the prophets gave to their people. That is why he is called "Mohammad" which means the one who is most praised. Mohammad is that person who is praised on the earth as well as in the heavens. There are quite a large number of people who were looked down upon, and hated by the worldly-wise and they were also humiliated in the eyes of the people. But they were honoured and praised in the heavens. They were marked as thankful by God. There are some other people who are praised by the worldly wise and they are lauded from all sides. But the Heavens curse them. God, His Angels and those near Him shower their curses on them.

So far as the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, is concerned, he has been praised on the earth as well as in the heavens. And it is only the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, to whom this credit is due. The large number of righteous and pious people who gathered round the Holy Prophet, was a unique one ; no other prophet got that much number of righteous and pious people to follow him. The people who gathered round the Holy Prophet were so pious, and they were so sincere, that the like of them cannot be met with in any people or among any followers of any of the prophets. They have been praised in the Hadith as well as in the Holy Quran." (Malfoozat Vol. III, pages 83-84)

FROM HAZRAT'S TALKS

(HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH III AT ISLAMABAD)

On the 15th of August, Huzur dilated on the events that followed the establishment of Second Khilafat (i. e. the election of the second Khalifa, Hazrat Mirza Bashirud Din Mahmud Ahmad, may God be pleased with him). He remarked that mere intellectual arguments were never enough to prove a truth. What is most needed (and in fact most expressive of the truth) is the work of God, the way He turns the trends of the events. That is what really constitutes the proof—the conclusive proof of the truth of the Reformers. God helps them and His help becomes so conspicuous that it becomes almost difficult for the unbiased mind to reject their claim. God showers His blessings on them and shows His mercy and grace to them in so clear a manner that their nearness to God becomes quite manifest. It is under the cover of this grace that the small and seemingly uninfluential community of a Reformer flourishes and goes from strength to strength The 52 year tenure of the second Khilafat speaks for itself. God's grace was abundantly given it. Islam's message was carried to all the corners of the world and the momentum of its progress increased. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II proved to be a great leader of men and God helped him in every way.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III further said, "The Promised Messiah, peace be on him—the great spiritual son of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, used to say that failure was not a part of the stuff that he was made of, and since the Khilafat is the continuation of his manifestation and a reflection of his self, there can be no part of failure in the stuff of the Khalifas too.

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He then related some of the events that took place during his last year's tour of West Africa, and said that he was in no way concerned with his personal publicity, nor he was in the least fond of it. But everybody knows that the tour proved to be a very great success. It has indeed gone a long way to further the cause of Islam.

One of the reasons, he said, why we believe in the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, is that he has kindled faith in the hearts of men. He has produced light in the minds of men and has taught them how to love God. It is a great misfortune that people should reject him because of their greed for wealth and the worldly honour which they love so much. The real thing that a man should seek after is the pleasure of God. This world is not a place to live for ever. The honours of this world are but transitory and are bound to come to naught. Here the more a man rises the greater is his fall, so much so that even his bones break into pieces. One should therefore always bow down on the doorstep of God.

It must be understood well that God is no relative of anyone, that one may go scot free for anything that he might do In order to win the love of God one has to struggle hard and make sacrifices. We should therefore always pray to God that He may enable us to strive hard for His love and we

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Notes & Comments

The Holy Quran

Commenting upon the verse of Holy Quran :

و توکل علی الحی الذی لا یموت وسبح بحمده و کفی به بذنوب عباده خبیرا

Hazrat Muslih Mauood, may God be pleased with him, says, "You should always put your trust in God who is living and whom death never overtakes. You should also praise Him and glorify Him. And you must fully realise that your God is well aware of the short-comings of His Servants.

It is a pity that Trust in God (Tawakkul Alallah) is very much misunderstood in our country. Trust in God means that we should hand over our affairs to God completely. And handing over our affairs to God means that we should work according to the laws of nature promulgated by Him and سبح بحمده (Glorify Him with His praises) points to this fact. The people have been told in these words that trust in God does not mean that man should not make use of the means that God has created and provided for his success. If he really does not use those means, that tantamounts to the fact that he considers the laws of nature as meaningless and that he does not praise Him. If he depends on the means wholly, and solely, that also is against the placing of trust in God, for his duty is to glorify God with His praises and to believe in Him as the only one who is free from all defects. He should never think of himself as having full control of anything or any event and that he can do whatever he likes.

It is only God who is free from all defects and who truly deserves all praises and glorification. Thus it becomes incumbent on man that while trusting in God he should make use of the laws of nature. For example God has given us hands ; He has given us brain ; and He has also given us means (for the achievement of our objective). Having been provided with all these things, we should realise that the purpose for which anything has been created, it should be put to that use.

Thus it should be understood well that the first stage of trust in God is that whatever we have been provided with, must be put to its proper use, and then whatever the short-coming it should be left to God to do the needful. While doing so we should be full of certainty that God is going to grant us His succour.

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Hadith

It is reported by Hazrat Abu Huraira, may God be pleased with him, that the Holy Prophet peace and blessings of God be upon him, was asked as to who was the most honoured among the people. He said, "whoever is most God-fearing." They (the companions) said. "We are not asking you about this thing". He, then said "Joseph, the Prophet of God, who was the son of a prophet, the grandson of a prophet and the great grandson of the Khalilullah (the friend of God viz Hazrat Ibrahim). The companions again said, "We are not asking even about this thing". The Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, then, said, "Are you asking me about the noble Arab families? (you should know) whoever were honourable during the pre-Islamic days, are honourable after accepting Islam provided they understand it well (i. e. they understand

the teachings of Islam and act upon them sincerely).

Muslims in Philipines

The Muslims have been greatly maltreated in Philipine ; looting, arsen day murder became the order of the and against them—some of the mosques have been demolished and set on fire. Life for them has been made miserable and torture has become the daily routine. That is what has been going on there for quite sometime. Last time when the situation flared up, the Ahmadiyya Missions all over the world protested against it and requested the Government of Philipine to take necessary steps to safeguard the life and property of the Muslims and also to bring the culprits to book and give them deterrent punishments.

It is gratifying to note that the Government of Philipine has taken cognisance of the protests and has promised to do everything possible to improve the situation.

Condoling Liberia

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III has sent condolence message to Mr. Tolbert, the new President of Liberia, on the sad demise of Mr. William Tubman who was the President of the Republic of Liberia for no less than five terms. Huzur has asked Mr. Tolbert to convey the condolences to Mrs. Tubman and other relatives of the deceased.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih in his message of condelence pays tribute to the departed soul by calling him a true and great builder of Liberia who can be rightly considered to be the father of the nation. He also prays that Mr. Tolbert will prove to be a real protector and guide of his people under whose leadership Liberia will continue to move forward on the path of peace and prosperity.

Condolence acknowledged

The President of the Republic of Liberia has expressed his gratitude for the condolence message that was sent to him on the sad demise of the President William Tubman. Mr. Tolbert the present President has also expressed the desire that Huzur should always pray for Liberia that it may enjoy peace and prosperity. He hopes he says, that the religious and spiritual activities of Huzur will, always give them spiritual strength.

Helping the young

Every year the Khuddamul Ahmadiyya holds an Academic Competition for the Atfalul Ahmadiyya (the boys upto 15 years of age) to award them scholarships for the continuation of their studies.

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It is a good idea and it will be highly appreciated if our Missions abroad followed suit. It will encourage the younger children to improve their knowledge and serve the Community better. The test should be mostly based on smaller books on religion.

Tahrik-i-Jadid Week

The Vakalat-i Mal (Finance Section of the Tahrik-i-Jadid) arranged a week to be observed for the special efforts to be made in connection with the collection of the Tahrik-i-Jadid Funds. The week was observed from 1st of September to the 7th. Hazrat Muslih Maood had once said about the payment of this fund :—

> "Do not tell me that you are passing through great difficulties. Everybody knows it ..... Despite the fact that you are arranging for the maintenance of your wife and children—you are also running a home. You are footing the bills of education—If inspite of the fact that you are passing through difficulties, you are doing all this, and you hope that God will give you more next year then why don't you pay up the promises for Tahrik-i-Jadid. You should come forward with a willing mind so that the message of Islam can be taken to all the corners of the world and your

name is included in the list of those who are striving hard for the cause of Islam."

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Reception

Maulana Sayed Jawad Ali Shah, who recently arrived from America where he had worked as a Missionary of Islam for quite a long time, was given a befitting reception by the Ahmadiyya Jamaat Sialkot. A large number of the non members of the Jamaat were also invited to the function. The address of welcome was read out by Maulana Azizur Rahman Mangla, the Missionary for the area. Maulana Jawad Ali, in response to the address dilated on the preaching activities of the Jamaat in the United States and told the audience of the tremendous inroads that the Jamaat had made in the society there. He further explained to them how the Jamaat was trying to help the people in raising their moral standard.

Khawaja Mohammad Amin, the Amir of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat, Sialkot thanked the Chief Guest as well as invitees. A silent prayer brought the function to a close.

Nusrat Jahan Reserve Fund

The Secretoy Nusrat Jahan Reservere Fund, has appe led to all those who have promised to participate in this fund to pay the second instalment at their earliest. While appreciating the zeal with which the first instalment was paid by them, he hopes that in view of the tremendous progress that the Nusrat Jahan Scheme has made in West Africa, the contributors would find themselvs more than willing to play their part without any hesitation and un-necessary delay.

It should be noted that the second instalment has to be paid before the 30th November 1971.

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should be given the power and willingness to make sacrifices. Now that He has held our hand and is leading us, we should pray to God that He may never forsake us.

The next day while he was talking to the people, he told them how important it was to prove that Jesus had actually died a natural death—that we have to do in order to prove the truth of the claim of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him. He said, 'The recent scientific research has gone a long way in proving this fact of history. A shroud, said to have been the cloth in which Jesus was wrapped, has been scientifically examined and the blood stains on it conclusively prove that when Jesus was wrapped in it, his heart was beating and therefore he was alive. More than 300 Scientists have worked on this shroud. Since the result of their research has been made public, the Christendom has been shaken. The Christians see in it the basis of their faith being repudiated. So much so that the Pope has now declared that the death of Christ on the Cross has nothing to do with Christian dogma. Of course this statement of the Pope has not been given wide publicity. Huzur also expressed grief at the internal tension among the Muslims of the world at this critical time when more than anything else, it is their unified and united effort that is needed.

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Messages for U. K. Conference

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih sent the following message by cablegram to the 8th Annual Conference of the Ahmadiyya Jamaats in the United Kingdom:

"Islam fighting spiritual battle in Africa. It demands sacrifices from us all. Great success achieved through leap forward programme. To gain Allah's blessings fulfil your promises towards Nusrat Jahan Fund. May Allah be with you all. Khalifatul Masih"

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The following message was sent by the Vakilut Tabshir.

"Dear Brothers,

Assolamo alaikum,

On this auspicious occasion when you are holding your Annual Conference in the cause of Islam I extend to you my best wishes and pray for your success. May God bless you and may His Grace be with you all for ever.

Dear brethren: By joining the fold of Ahmadiyyat we have pledged our loyalty to the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). This pledge is not at all fulfilled by mere lip service. It requires that we mould our lives according to the injunctions of the Holy Quran and the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him).

Unless we like only what is good in the sight of Allah and abhor what is evil we cannot say that we have fulfilled that pledge. Only when we have cleaned ourselves from the dross of worldliness and walk sincerely in the ways of God we can deem to have honoured our pledge.

The right step to work this change in us is to acquire a fuller knowledge of Islam so that the injunctions of the Holy Quran sink deep in our hearts and begin to colour our actions. This is the first task to which you should address yourselves. Everyone of you should become a passionate lover of the Holy Quran.

The second task before you is to preach Islam in earnest. The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) was raised to establish Islam in the whole world. He longed very much to see Western people join Islam. Once he saw in a vision that he was in England addressing its people from a pulpit at the end of which he caught some white birds. God gave him the glad tidings that Western nations will also accept Islam.

This promise of God will be fulfilled through you. You are the inheritors of his mission and you have to carry it on. It is your sacred duty to take Islam to the people around you. If you do this job earnestly and ceaselessly God will make your efforts fruitful.

Our Jamaat in England has by the Grace of God become quite large. The influx of our brethren from Africa has added considerably to our strength. We should profit by it and expand our sphere of tabligh. We must create new horizons. I am confident that if every one of us vows to make at least one of his friends join Ahmadiyyat every year and then back it with his efforts, we can achieve much. So, march forward with a fresh resolve and fervent zeal.

May God bless you and enable you to serve Islam to the best manner. Amen.

ISLAM & REVELATION

BY BASHIR AHMAD ORCHARD

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(Concluded)

In the year 1905 he proclaimed and published a mighty prophecy made known to him through revelations by God :

> "God has warned me of a mighty earth quake : it shall make the young old, cities shall be ruined rivers of blood shall flow, mountains shall be moved. Men shall go mad of shock, the whole world shall be involved and the Czar shall be reduced to a miserable and pitiable plight.

When publishing this prophecy, the Promised Messiah stated that it indicated that some terrible visitation would occur. In the Quran the word "earthquake" is in many places used as meaning war. He also prophesied that fleets of the sea would encounter one another and the earth would be turned upside down. All this would occur within sixteen years.

How literally did the 1914-18 war fulfill this revelation ! Indeed it has been named the world war. The devastation brought about was unprecedented and what was the ill fortune of the Czar of Russia ? He lost his throne and later murdered after seeing his wife and daughters humiliated and disgraced in his presence. In accordance with the prophecy all this happened within the stipulated period of sixteen years from the date of the publications of his revelations.

Distinction between Divine and Intellectual Prophecies

Though this is a clear and wonderful illustration of the reality of Divine revelation it may not convince the sceptic who raises the objection that similar kinds of propheeies have been made by personalities such as Mr. H. G. Wells. There is a distinguishing feature between those who prophesy on the basis of revelation and those who do so as a result of their own theories. In the first place. Mr. H.G. Wells has nothing to lose if his prophecies are not fulfilled but he who prophesies in obedience to revelation knows that the world is waiting and watching for their fulfilment upon which rests his integrity and truthfulness. Furthermore, Divine prophecies are consistent in their fulfilment but this is not the case of the prophecies made by those who proclaim future events which are merely the outcome of their personal conclusions. Sometimes, no doubt, their theories prove to be true but as often as not they do not. This is not the case with revealed prophecies because all of them are fulfilled. Again, events that are generally made known through Divine revelation are altogether beyond the ingenuity of the human mind to conceive and relate to things beyond human deduction.

Divine Revelation concerning the Procreation of Children

It is not within the knowledge of any person to say whether children will be or will not be born to certain individuals. Some women, despite their desire for children, pass the whole of their lives childless. Usually, however, married women bare children which shows the wonder of the following revelation received and published by the Promised Messiah.

There was a man living in India

by the name of Maulvi Saadullah who was an enemy of the Promised Messiah. In his talks and writings he used to abuse the Promised Messiah and he stated that when the Holy Founder of the Ahmadiyya Community died his community would come to end because he would have no offspring to continue it. The Promised Messiah then received a revelation to the effect that Maulvi Saadullah's line of descent would become extinct and that consequently he nor his then existing son would have any children. The words of the prophecy are these:

> "Thine enemy who says concerning thee that thou shalt die childless, shall himself be cut off and his line will become extinct."

Though Maulvi Saadullah was still comparatively young and there was no reason why he should not have any more children, he lived for another fifteen years without begetting any children even though he married twice.

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This was a remarkable prophecy which was fulfilled to the very letter. No imposter would dare venture to publish such a prophecy to establish his claims. The odds would be all against him. The Promised Messiah, knowing that the revelation he published was from God, boldly proclaimed it to illustrate the truth of his claims and that there is a God. who exists and speaks to whomsoever He chooses.

The Promised Messiah received numerous revelations in which he was foretold matters of the future and each was as wonderful as the other. Their consistent fulfilment establishes without doubt that they were of Divine origin. There is no other course of explanation left open and the more one studies them the more firmly is one convinced of their truth.

The Promised Messiah received other revelations concernig a son who would be born to him within a period of nine years He published these revelations in the year 1886 and the revelations quoted below are some of those describing his Promised Son :

> "Thus I give unto thee tidings that a handsome, pure and righteous son shall be given thee who will be thine own offspring. He will possess high intelligence and a keen intellect and will be clement of heart. He will progress rapidly, and will be known unto the ends of the earth, and nations will find deliverance and be blessed through him."

After sometiime a son was born but shortly afterwards he died. Some people endeavoured to explain that the death of his falsified his prophecy. The Promised Messiah reminded them, however, that he would be born within the period of nine years and so it was wrong to suppose that the son who had died was that particular son. Again he confirmed the revelations he had received. Accordingly, on the 12th of January 1889, he was vouchsafed another son whose birth had been foretold. This son was the late Head of the Ahmadiyya Community in Islam, Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad who was renowned for his piety, learning and wisdom. It was through him that missions have been established throughout the world and his name was more and more konwn daily. Sovereigns and rulers have been presented with his books. In paying tribute to his unique personality Sir Mohammad Zafrullah Khan writes in his booklet "The Head of the Ahmadiyya Community" :

> "He is a prolific writer and indefatigable speaker. His writings and speeches range over a very wide field and comprise almost every aspect of human activity ... Those who have been privileged to listen to his public speeches

will bear testimony to the power he is able to wield over his audiences through the sheer force of his reasoning, the aptness of the illustrations employed by him, his appeal to the nobler sentiments of his audience and the ideals that he persistently holds up before them. He is the unsurpassed master of exposition and interpretation and often holds huge audience spellbound for hours at a stretch while he proceeds to expound at leisure and in detail the thesis he has chosen for the occasion."

Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad was a living sign of the truth of Divine revelation and of the truth of revelation and of the Promised Messiah to whom his birth was revealed. How wonderfully he fulfilled the prophecies concerning himself. As it has already been stated it is beyond the knowledge and power of a person to say that he will be blessed with a son and furthermore to give details concerning him.

The Value of Prophecy in Revelation

Revelation is a blessing of God which uplifts the soul of the person who receives it. He tastes the joy of direct communion with God which quickens his faith and love for his Creator It is spiritual water which comforts his soul and establishes certainty of faith in his heart. The revelations of the Promised Messiah that have been mentioned contain prophecies but all revelation need not do so. Personal revelation revealing words of comfort and encouragement are experienced by many.

The reason why God very often reveals prophecies to His chosen ones is that people other than the actual recipient may also be able to witness the Word of God. He who actually experiences these revelations is filled with a positive knowledge of the truth and the fulfilment of the prophecies also guide the hearts of those who witness them being fulfilled.

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Revelation of the Head of the Ahmadiyya Community

Islam teaches and shows that revelation is a reality and not only an experience enjoyed by people in past ages, but one that has been enjoyed throughout all ages and is even in this very time. The late Head of the Ahmadiyya Community frequently had Divine revelation many of which were given world wide publicity. The present Head of the Movement, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, is also a recipient. Maulvi J. D. Shams, a former Imam of the London Mosque, published several leaflets and booklets in which he informed the British public of some of the former's prophetic revelations. In his own words he writes concerning one amazing revelation :

"By way of illustration I will mention briefly some of the visions and revelations in which he was shown all the turning points of the second world war, and which he disclosed to the public before they actually happened and were published in the Sunrise (Lahore) and The Daly Alfazl (Qadian). In August 1939, before the war broke out, he was shown in a vision, the confidential correspondence of the British Government. In one of those letters the British Government urged the French Government to effect a union with her, as Great Britain was in great danger, that Germany was contemplating invasion and was near to subjugating her. When he read it he became very anxious, and being on the point of waking, he, all of a sudden heard a voice saying : 'This was a matter of six months ago'.

"When the time of the fulfilment

of this vision drew near, God showed him, three days before it happened, King Leopold's unconditional surrender and abdication by default, in a figure of an abdicating king. His capitulation was a major cause of the Dunkirk disaster. Britain then became so weak that she urged the French Government for a union. Thus was fulfilled literally in June 1940 what he was shown in August 1939.

"He then interpreted what the voice had said that six months after the date of the proposed union, the circumstances would be more favourable to Britain and that the misfortune would abate.

"Exactly six months after the the declaration of union, when the first advance of the British Armies into Libya began, the Prime Minister, on the 19th December 1940, in the House of Commons, revealed that, compared with the position of May and June, they had grown stronger and were well prepared. He said: 'It is only six months since we were fighting what seemed to many of our best friends a desperate fight for bare survival"

In another vision, published in June 1940 the Head of the Ahmadiyya Community was informed by God that 2.800 aeroplanes would be dispatched to Great Britain by the Government of the U S.A. This prophecy was brought to the notice of emient government officials who witnessed its literal fulfilment a few weeks later. He is therefore, a living sign of the existence of God had the truth of Islam.

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Revelation and other Faiths

Islam does not teach that revelation is a peculiar feature of Islam alone and that people of other faiths never experience it. Islam acknowledges that God, being All Powerful, can speak to whomsoever He chooses and that He does. If God altogether refrained from revealing Himself to His creation then faith would gradually become dead. Islam teaches that God does sometimes send down revelation upon those who may not be treading the true path, for, revelatio revives the spiritual side of mankind and gives light to hope. God, in all His wisdom may even have reason to reveal Himself to one who is the worst of criminals or a prostitute.

Islam, however, more than any other religion, lays much stress and importance on the truth and reality of revelation. Christianity, for instance, does not appreciate the significance of revelation as explained and demonstrated by Islam. The leaders of the churches are sceptical on this subject and many of them have gone as far as to deny verbal revelation altogether and give some theological interpretation to those chapters of their scriptures which record God conversing with His servants. The reason is because they no longer witness God's attribute of speech being manifested among Christians and consequently they have lost faith in its reality.

The attributes of God do not change. If God spoke in the past there is no reason to suppose He no longer speaks in the same manner today. No one who believes in God would for a moment suggest that He has lost His attribute of hearing He hears the supplications of his servants today as He has heard them from the very beginning Similarly it is just as true that He speaks today in the same manner as He has done from the beginning: and it is in Islam that thsi attribute is to be witnessed in abundance.

Here it may be objected that if it is agreed that people of other faiths are not debarred from revelation then how can Islam claim that revelation distinguishes its truth over other religions? If people of other religions also receive revelation then why should

it not be said that revelation equally proves the truth of those religions?

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Revelation in Islam descends in Abu dance

The superiority of one fruit tree over others is judged by the quality and quantity of the fruit that it produces. In a similar way the excellence of Islam over other faiths can be judged by the quality and quanitity of revelation experienced by Muslims. This is not in any way a boastful statement. It is a fact that can be shown to be absolutely true. The late Head of the Ahmadiyya Community made the following suggestion to Church leaders for the purpose of determining which of these two religions God favours with His Word.

"We invite the attention of all lovers of truth, to whatever religion they might profess allegiance, to the golden principle that a tree is known by its fruit.....The world would be materially assisted in its search for truth if Christians could persuade the Pope or other high Church dignitaries to put forward the revelations received by them as against those received by me for the purpose of determining which of them are the true manifestations of God's power and knowledge... If they were inclined to accept, or could be persuaded by their followers to accept this invitation, it might prove an effective means for healing the spiritual ills from which mankind has so long suffered. The Majesty and power of God would then manifest itself in an extraordinary manner and would help to establish the faith of man and guide his spiritual development."

This invitation has been printed and re-printed. It has been widely circulated among Christians including the highest dignitaries of the Churches. The claim that revelation is experienced in abundance in Islam is not, therefore, a mere assertion. It is a fact and it is for those who deny it to accept or persude their religious leaders to accept the invitation.

Islam and its Relation with other Faiths

Before dealing with a second answer to the objection concerning "Revelation and other Faiths" it would be as well to explain the fundamental teachings of Islam regarding the position of other faiths. Islam does, in fact, acknowledge the truth of all revealed religions. Islam recognises the truth of all the prophets who preceded the Holy Prophet of Arabia. A Muslim does not say that all religions other than Islam are false. Islam, while testifying to their truth, at the same time explains that they are not universal in character but religions meant for a particular people at a particular age to suit the needs of those people for whom they were intended. Moses, for instance, was a prophet of God whose teachings were meant to suit the needs of the Israelites of those times. Moses was not a universal prophet but a phophet for the Israelites. Similarly the mission of the founders of all other revealed faiths were confined to a particular people for a particular age The Gospels confirm that the mission of Jesus was also solely confined to the Israelites. Jesus is reported to have described the object of his mission in the following words:

"I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." (Matthew 15 : 24).

On another occasion he is reported to have instructed his disciples in the following words:

"Go not into the way of the Gentiles and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house

of Israel." (Matthew 11 : 5, 6)

It is not intended here to deal with the various lame explanatios with which Christians endeavour to hide the meaning of these verses and show that the mission of Jesus was universal on the Bible text which states that he ordered his disciples to go and preach to the whole world. Suffice it to say the "world" has been used in various places in the New Testament giving the meaning of a territorial kingdom or tribe of people (i.e. Luke 2 : 1) which is in harmony with the above words of Jesus. If a literal meaning is to be placed on the word "world" then Jesus is represented as making contradictory statements concerning his mission.

Islam, on the other hand, is a universal religion embracing a Divine code of laws suited for the needs of all people and for all ages to come. At the time of the advent of the Holy Prophet of Islam the world had advanced in many ways and communications between countries was fast improving. Prior to this time the world was not ready for a universal teaching because knowledge of other countries and the means of communication were not sufficient to create world unity. However, as time advanced and the countries of the world began to know more about one another and have closer contact, God raised a universal prophet with a Divine message for all mankind and to establish a universal brotherhood in the world.

Islam, therefore, while recognising the original truth of all revealed religions is exclusive in the sense that it is a universal religion established by God and not a religion meant for a particular people and for a particular age. The teachings of other religions consequently became abrogated by Islam.

Revelations Confirming the Superiority of Islam

The second distinction showing how revelation establishes the even of Islam over other religions truth though, as it has been said, it is possible for people of all faiths to have the experience, is one of particular importance. The recipients of revelation in Islam frequently receive revelation testifying the fact that Islam is the True religion revealed for the guidance of mankind at large. Such kinds of revelations are not received by people of other faihs conveying similar words of confirmation about their respective religions. This again, may sound a very boastful statement but in fact it is no more so than what has been said about the abundance of revelation witnessed in Islam. It is a fact.

If Islam truly is all that it claims to be then it is apparent that revelation to the effect mentioned above could not also be the lot of other faiths because God does not contradict Himself. It is out of the question that God would tell people of different faiths that they are all on the one and only true path, for such an idea is absurd.

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The element of prophecy in revelation again comes in as a matter of great importance. The fulfilmet of prophecy is a sign and guide for everybody. Already several prophetical revelations have been mentioned along with the remarkable manner in which they were fulfilled and showing without doubt that those persons to whom they were revealed were surely in communion with God. Only such kind of revelations can be presented to the world as a challenge to those who disbelieve in God and also in Islam. Revelations not of a prophetical kind and solely appertaining to oneself cannot be spoken about in order to establish some truth. An objection has been raised that if somebody of another faith claims he has beeen told by God in a revelation that he is following the true

path then on what grounds are we to challenge the integrity of his statement? This question could be discussed in considerable length but at this place just one clear and straightforward solution will be given from the Islamic point of view. God has manifested the truth of Islam by countless heavenly signs and some revelations have been quoted to establish the fact. As long as the truth of Islam is maintained then it is impossible that the revelation advanced by the person could be true. If he can refute the Divine claims of Islam then some consideration may be given to his statement. If he cannot do so then there arises no need to give serious attention to his words.

God, has through revelation, emphatically made it known that Islam is the one and only true path. Those who have received revelation to this effect have published them, many of which contained prophecies so that their fulfilment may be a sign to the world of the truth of revelations.

Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah and Holy Founder of the Ahmadiyya community, claimed to have been raised by God to rejuvenate the love of Islam in the hearts of mankind. God spoke to him saying:

"Thy word shall be established and victory shall be manifest."

In short the Promised Messiah publicly proclaimed that God had revealed to him the truth of Islam. He did not merely assert that he had received revelation but he made known certain prophecies revealed to him so that the fulfilment of the same might serve as a sign to all. Leaders of other religions have not been vouchsafed such special revelations and should anyone claim to have then it is for him to come forward, as do the Muslims, and proclaim them to the world. The account of the leader of a Christian sect who falsely published Divine claims is worthy of mention at this point because the sad outcome that overtook him testified to the truth of Islam and the promised Messiah.

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The Fate of Dr. Dowie of America

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An American, Dr. Alexander Dowie, claimed that in his person was fulfilled the coming of the fore-runner preceding the advent of Jesus. He founded a city and named it Zion and claimed that his movement was Divine. He succeeded in gaining a large number of followers and proclaimed that Islam was a false religion and would be destroyed. Knowledge of Dr. Dowie's boastings came to the ears of the Promised Messiah who wrote to him and challenged his claims. The Promised Messiah said let God judge which of the two of us is the true claimant. He told Dr. Dowie that let them both pray that whoever was the imposter might be d stroyed in the life time of the other. In his letter to Dr Dowie he wrote:

"I am about seventy years of age while Dowie is about fifty five and therefore as compared with me he is still a young man. But since the matter is not to be settled by age, I do not care for this great disparity in years. The whole matter rests in the hands of Him who is the Lord of Heaven and earth and judge over all judges, and He will decide it in favour of the true claimant."

The Promised Messiah went on to say that even if Dr. Dowie did not accept the challenge then still death would overcome him within the appointed time. He wrote:

"Though he may try as hard as he can to fly from the death which awaits him, yet his flight from such a contest will be nothing less than death to him; and calamity will certainly overtake his Zion for he must

bear the consequences either or the acceptance of the challenge or its refusal." (Vide the New Commercial Advertiser of New York).

The challenge was published in many of the American newspapers and after a considerable period of time Dr. Dowie, on account of critical pressure from the public, referred to the challenge of the Promised Messiah in his own newspaper. He wrote :

There is a Mohammadan Messiah in India who has repeatedly written to me that Jesus Christ lies buried in Kashmir, (the tomb of Jesus has been discovered in Srinager, Kashmir — B.A.O), and people ask me why I do not answer him. Do you imagine that I shall reply to such gnats and flies ? If I were to put my foot on them I would crush out their lives. I give them a chance to fly away and live."

Almighty God did not with-hold His judgement. In accordance with knowledge He vouchsafed to the Promised Messiah, punishment and death descended upon the imposter. His own people turned against him including his wife and son. He was reduced to a miserable condition and his plight was worsened by an attack of paralysis which disabled his feet with which he had vainly boasted he would crush the Promised Messiah. Soon afterwards death overtook him and a mighty sign illustrating the truth of the Promised Messiah and Islam was manifested for the guidance of mankind at large. Commenting on Dr. Dowie's death the Herald of Boston remarked :

"Dowie died with his friends fallen away from him and his fortune dwindled. He suffered from paralysis and insanity. He died a miserable death, with Zion City torn and frayed by internal dissensions. Mirza (the Promised Messiah) came forward frankly and states that he has won his challenge ! "

Conclusion

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The purpose of this treatise has been to deal with one particular aspect of Islam—revelation No doubt it may have given rise to other questions which have not been dealt with as it would have meant deviating from the theme of the subject, also, has not been dealt with as fully as it merits. It is just an introduction to this vital subject and readers are therefore encouraged to give deeper and a more thorough thought and investigation to this Divine truth. They will never regret doing so and will find that it will be to their own spiritual advantage.

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Uniting the Ghana Muslim Students

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Our Missionaries abroad are a unifying force for the Muslims. Below we reproduce a speech of Mr B. A. Bashir, our Missionary incharge, Ghana on the occasion of the inauguration of the Ghana Muslim Students Inter collegiate Association. The meeting was held on the 26th of June 1971. Editor

For the past few years, I have been exercising my mind with the idea of an associotion to embrace all Muslim students in the country's institutions.

As I stand before this August gathering my bosom should perhaps swell with pride that the idea should find concrete realisation. But it is not with a feeling of pride that I speak for I am aware that without the guiding hand of Allah and His infinite mercy the formation of this association would have been impossible. All the victory, all the glory, and all the praise, therefore, should go to Allah, Lord and Creator of the universe.

It may be asked whether this association is really necessary. My answer to this question is an emphatic yes. Many non-Muslims do not sometimes realise that Islam has sects just like Christianity. The differences whice have given rise to these sects are not serious enough to stand in the way of Muslim unity. Yet, it is sad to relate that these differences have often hardened in religious intolerance and blind fanaticism,

The articles of faith which should bind all Muslims have sometimes been apparently submerged, with fatal results in disunity, division and blood letting. Muslims all over the world irrespective of colour, nationality or sect believe and say "La ilaha illal-Laaho Mohammadur Rasulullah", that is, There is no God but Allah and Mohammad is the Messenger of Allah".

Muslims believe that the Holy Prophet Mohammad is the Seal of all the Prophets. We believs that the Holy Quran contains the final and complete code of laws for all mankind We believe in the Ressurection, the Judgement. Heaven and Hell, Prayers and Zakat, etc.

These are, or should be strong indestructible bonds which should bind all Muslims. But, as I stated earlier, Muslims have sometimes forgotton the shining example of the Holy Prophet himself who actually granted permission to the Christians of Nijran to conduct religious service in his mosque.

This associatlon is being formed in the conviction that if adults sometimes forget, the youth may be made to remember and cherish the wonderful and inspiring ideals of Islam. I am convinced that it is better to have the youth guided along the right path so that they do not fall into the same blind fanaticism and intolerance which we adults have often displayed with great injury to Islam.

Of course I know that occasionally, the youth tend to forget that if they have rights they have responsibilities as well. I would therefore remind them of their responsibilities as human beings, as citizens, and as believers. Now a word to you, my little brothers and sisters.

As human beings you are also moral beings. Allah has endowed you with the faculty of distinguishing right from wrong. Throughout your life on this earth, you will be expected to eschew wrong and strive to do what is right There can be no compromise between wrong and right, nor can there be any neutrality; your duty will always be on the side of what is right in the sight of Allah.

The Prime Minister, Dr. K. A. Busia recently launched a serious campaign against indiscipline. I should like to remind you that the campaign is not dead and that you should profit by the useful lessons contained in the Prime Minister's concern to make the country a better place to live in.

Acts of indiscipline can only end in incalculable harm to everybody but

especially you. You have the chance to discuss your problems with those placed in authority over you. If you bypass the laid-down process and resort to violence you will in the long run be the worst losers. The stigma of indiscipline will mark you forever and follow you like a persistent shadow wherever you may go.

Be obedient and properly submissive. It is a matter for regret that some of our students think that secondary school or university educatiyn automatically places them above the moral authority of their parents and other persons far older than them. The Holy Quran says, "And do good to your parents. If either of them or both of them reach old age with thee, say not to them, 'fire', nor chide them; and speak to them a generous word. And make thyself submissively gentle to them with compassion, and say, My Lord! Have mercy on them as they brought me up when I was little". (17 : 22, 23).

The respect and obedience you give to your parents extend to those people who are not your natural parents. For if you showed respect only to your parents and treated others with contempt you would be in the same position as the person who has not shown proper respect to his own parents There are no 'ifs' and 'buts' about this injunction, and no exceptions. It is clear.

Be clean in your personal habits. Abd Allah ibn 'Amr reports the Holy Prophet as saying, "The best of you are those who have the most excellent morals." (B. 61:23). It is not a mark of civilisation or strength to get drunk, or smoke, or indulge in promisicuity. Let others laugh at you for shunning these evils; it is such people who stand in need of moral reorientation. Teach them, convince them that they are rather in the wrong.

Your physical being, like your moral being, also needs attention. For it is not the word you utter or your behaviour which may condemn you; your appearance counts as well. The Holy Quran says "And the Lord do magnify, and thy garments do purify, and uncleanness do shun" (74 : 4-6). This is a clear injunction to shun moral and spiritual as well as physical dirt. You would not be upholding the teachings of Islam if you neglected physical purity which is necessary for moral and spiritual purity.

One other thing which causes me pain is the scornful attitude which some of our students adopt towards manual labour Some young persons feel that their status as students places them miles away from manual labour or other acts of communal self help. The Holy Prophet himself used to help in the household chores. He helped his wives and mended his own clothes with his own hands. Islam enjoins us to work rather than beg for only self-help can maintain our self-respect.

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During holidays, how many of you lend a hand in communial labour? How many of you help the truly needy? In schools how many of you do voluntary labour to brighten your school or the neighbourhood? If you have not been active it is not too late. I hope that when you leave this place, you will leave with a firm resolution to be a more useful citizen than you have been. I hope you will no longer put your hands in your pockets, shrug your shoulders and say, "I am above manual labour." If you did that you would not be a true citizen, nor a true believer

Now to your religion, Islam. Every true religion has certain guiding principles which can change our destinies But there is an important proviso to this observation And that is that no religion in the world can turn a wolf into a sheep.

In other words, we can modify or even change our destinies if and only if we put into practice the guiding principles on which a religion is based. Islam is not an exception to this rule. Islam can help only those who are prepared to accept its challenges and submit themselves to its teachings.

My brothers and sisters, you cannot call yourselves Muslims by paying lip-

service to Islam. You cannot defend Islam's supremacy if you are ashamed to be regarded as Muslims My little brothers and sisters, you have a religion which is supreme by virtue of its clear teachings. You have a religion which gives concrete expression to that dream of equality dreamed often but hardly ever realised outside Islam. For it is the only religion which makes no distinctions between King and subject in the eyes of Allah. At prayer, at gathering, in any conceivable situation, King and subject occupy the same position one being better than the other only in the degree of his moral excellence

I could go on listing the beauties and the strength of Islam But I think I have said enough for our purpose here this morning. I will only add a little word. You as Muslim students have the responsibility of upholding Islam. The words you utter, your appearance, your deeds, every single act of yours should mark you out as true Muslims. Islam gives a lot to mankind. But it also demands much in the way of devotion, good works, faith and sacrifice. With Islam, there can be no compromise between good and evil. There can be no hypocrisy. There can be only one thing : sincerity.

Sincerity in your belief that there is only one God, Allah. Sincerity in your belief that Mohammad is the Messenger of Allah Sincerity in saying your obligatory and supereogatory prayers. Sincerity in paying your zakat Sincerity in the pilgrimage you perform. In short, sincerity in whatever you do.

This association is a small seed. But it contains within it an important element which, if properly tended, would grow into a mighty tree offering shelter to all that call themselves Muslims. Within you, and within Allah, lies the power which can destroy or keep the seed alive. Allah, I believe, will not fail us in this good cause. The challenge, then, is thrown to you.

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Do not fail yourselves. Do not fail your religion. Do not fail your country. Do not fail your Allah. Ladies and Gentlemen, I am happy to inaugurate the Ghana Muslim Students Inter-Collegiate Association.

Thank you.

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Germany's Churchrs in Trouble

By 'Awake!' correspondent in Germany

Each year now tens of thousands of persons are quitting both Protestant and Roman Catholic churches in Germany. The Bishop of Berlin-Brandenburg, Kurt Scharf, observed: "The situation of the church in Germany and West Berlin has become more criticle. The number of those leaving the church is greater than was expected."

Comments on this trend were made at the 49th Meeting for German Pastors in Darmstadt in September 1970. For example, Frankfurt Professor Hans Rausenhenberger noted: "At the present time in this country there is no impellig desire to listen to a sermon."

It is true. On Sunday mornings churches are practically empty especially in the citities. Illustrating this fact, the German magazine *Stern* ran pictures of Sunday morning Evangelical and Roman Catholic church services in the city of Flensburg. Its report was entitled: "In the Flensburger Churchs the Ministers Preach to Nearly Empty Pews.

Rather than considering the trend temporary and reversible the *Duesseldorfer Handelsblatt* observed in its January 20, 1970, issue: Since the church itself has continually grown more worldly, it should not be surprised if for many its moral platform appears shaken. More will leave the church, and the number of those attending church will continue to decrease."

The forecast of a professor of theology from Berlin, Guenther Harder was even gloomier He said. "An avalanche is coming that will take away our breath-"

One reason for the trouble in Germany's churches is discontent with the money-collecting system In Germany the government collects taxes for the churches, and these have increased greatly. The government now collects nearly 1000 million dollars a year in tax money for the churches!

To keep the money flowing in, churches are not particular as to who their members are. For example, a survey revealed that 32 percent of Germany's cnurch members do not believe that Adam and Eve were our ancestors, and 64 percent do not believe in the virgin birth of Jesus. Yet they are all accepted as good church members because they pay their taxes!

Even pro titutes and other who earn money in dubious ways are welcomed as church members. "Our church functions so well," scoffed a young Catholic clergyman, "that we can get along without the founder, but not - without the company capital."

There is now growing opposition to the churches because of their concern for money and material things. The *Frankfurter Rundschu* noted that people object to the millions of tax dollars going "for pompous and showy buildings..... churches which outwardly sparkle to the honour of God—and within God usually sits alone in the dark."

In similar criticism, the *Duesseldorfer Handelsblatt* raised the question: "Is all that the church owns necessary in order for it to be mediator to the world beyond? Rather, it has the appearance with its administrative buildings and bureaucracy to be developing into a worldly economically oriented concern with an ever expanding financial basis:" Yet the churches cherish the income, and so continue to support the highly profitable church tax.

Even some clergymen admit that is improper. Pastor Edgar Spir of

Hamburg spoke about changing the church tax system, and said: "Perhaps we shrink back only because we love simple comfort under a cloak of religion more than existence as a witness for Jesus Christ. Let's face the facts, our customary Christianity is Satan's pet child."

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Many have come to agree with this appraisal, and so they are leaving the churches to escape supporting financially an organization with which they do not agree. But they must go to the State office and actually declare that they are quitting the church in order to avoid paying the church tax.

It is not simply the church tax that is causing discontent with the churches. It is also the lack of spirituality in the church—an almost total failure to teach people about God and His Word. A skeptical, even hostile attitude toward the Bible and God has come to infect the religious system in Germany.

For example, a well-known-theologian, Dorothee Soelle of Cologne, claims that "to establish what God has done in the past is of no benefit," and that "this theistical fetish that is called God" is dead. Can anyone blame sincere persons when they leave a church that allows such teachings to be propagated?

Youth in particular can see that the churches have little to offer. When some Evangelical youth were surveyed they were very pointed in their observations. Seventy percent of the 2,500 students in Essen who were questioned said that the Sunday sermon had very little influence on a person's outlook on life. Nearly 25 percent said that it was of "no importance at all." A seventeen-year-old said "One feels like he is going to a funeral every Sunday."

("Awake" London 22, March 1971.)

Evangelist Solidarity

The Christian Churches are making an all out effort to survive in the present day turbulent scence of the final battle between the forces of Islam and those of other religions. They are trying to unite all of them together for the on-slaught on Islam. From the core of their heart they feel that Islam is making great strides and wherever it has got a firm footing, there is nothing that can deter it. Below we reproduce the report of a meeting of the Churches as published in one of the leading newspapers of Liberia—West Africa—under the heading "Threat of Islamic success leades to Christian evangelism solidarity here". Here is the text of the report of the meeting. Editor

A Nationwide evangelism movement which aims at "mobilizlng all God's people in this country for earnest intercession in thousands of prayer calls," is slated to be set up here in due course.

The scope of the movement will also include the "study of Bible lessons that would enable Christians to be witnessed to the unconverted, coupled with a series of efforts by every sector of the church to win men to Christ in every level of society."

The discussion to this effect was held very recently by all clergymen in Monrovia and parts adjacent at the YMCA Building on Broad Street at a meeting called by Rev. S.R.E. Dixon, president, National Christian Minister Association, and Vice President William R. Tolbert, president of the Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, through Rev. B. Z Traub, who is the leader of the Montserrado Christian Ministers Association.

In preparation for the setting up of the movement a six-man ad hoc committee, headed by Rev. Dr. Samuel F. Dennis was appointed to approach the Bishops of various denominations to confer with them as to what support they will give for the establishment of this movement.

Other members of the committee are Rev C W Koons, Rev. Mrs. Edith Johnson, Rev William Thompson and Rev. Evelyn Scott.

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Rev. W. K. Braun the visiting American director of the African office of Worldwide Evangelism in Depth, who left here recently was at the meeting to assist in the establishment of the nationwide organization.

Addressing the clergymen Rev. Braun said he did not come to preach but to present the work of the Holy Spirit to "us in Liberia and to inform of the countries already involved in the movement."

He then did so by exhibiting a map of Africa tracing the areas and nations involved.

The American clergyman, who is said to have spent about 26 years in the Congo doing evangelist work expressed concern that northern Africa is being controlled by the Muslims and there is no way of penetrating it. "Egypt has about 50,000 Christians with Ethiopia having more than 100,000. The Muslims are making strides southward in Africa today. West and southern Africa are covered by missions embracing some 100 millions Christians," he told the gathering.

In countries where the movement exists, he pointed out each denomination named a representative to the national movement of evangelism. He then offered the help he is willing to give in the cost of printting literature which will be needed for the movemnet.

When he was asked by Rev. S.R E. Dixon of the First United Methodist Church as to how the working association and the Christian Ministers' would synchronize their operation, answered that the committee could be independent but work in conjunction with the Christian Ministers' Asso-ation as the advisory body.

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Rev. Dr. Advertus Hoff then explained the difficulty of obligating the Baptist Church and went on to express the view that caution be exercised r garding the action to be taken by the Association at this time But in this matter, Rev. Sam Ford Dennis of the Episcopal Church stated that the national association should assume jurisdiction.

Representatives of all denominations present at the meeting were then asked to comment Bishop A. T. Simmons spoke for the Pentecostal ch rches assuring the support of his denomination Rev. William Tho pson of the ELWA said he was delighted in the movement as his organization is already involved in it in Nigeria. Rev. C W Koons of the Lutheran Church expressed general agreement to the idea and went on to mention the lack of full co-operation on the part of denominations which, he said, have created drawbacks in the past to similar move ments. Bishop Lewis Thomas of the Church of the Lord (Aladura) expressed his agreement with the whole movement and pledged the support of his denomination. Other denominational representatives also concurred in the formation of the movement.

Vice President Tolbert stated that Christ is what the world needs to change men in their treatment of each and evangelism is one of the best means whereby this can be done, first as a small movement and eventually taking in the whole world. He presented himself to help in whole movement and will submit to the will of the majority.

MISSION ACTIVITIES ABROAD

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The Ahmadiyya Mosque

The Ahmadiyya Mission in Sierra Leone is at present building a Le 20.000 mosque at Kenema Town.

Aecording to a statement issued by the mission the foundation stone was laid last Saturday by the Amir and Missionary in charge, Maulvi M. S. Shahid.

Work on the buildlng was reported to be well underway and is expected to be completed within the next six months.

It was also stated that the place of land on which the mosque was being built was donated by Chief Vani Kargbo to the mission who also gave an address at the stone-laying ceremony.

A huge crowd of people attended the impressive ceremony which took place at Kenema District.

Also present at the ceremony were Paramount Chief Foray Vangahum and several prominent Muslims including other important people in the area.

Maulvi Shahid said at the opening ceremony, that according to Islamic teachings, a mosque was the house of God where all could worship and that it did not matter to what religious sect one belonged.

"In the days of the Holy Prophet Mohammed he allowed even Christians to pray in the mosque at Medina." Maulvi Shahid said.

He also said that such an intention demonstrated peace and tolerance.

Paramount Chief Vangahun thanked the Ahmadiyya Mission for such a project and promised his unreserved support for the mission in all its deliberations.

(*The Daily Mail, Sierra Leone*)

Nine-Day refresher course opens

The Amir and Missionary-in-charge of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Sierra Leone, Maulvi M. S. Shahid, has recalled the important qualitties needed for effective Missionary work.

Maulvi Shahid who was addressing participants at the nine-day refresher course for Ahmadiyya Missionaries in Sierra Leone, which opened in Bo at the weekend, recalled that the qualities were a sound knowledge of Islam and other religions as well as the practice of the principles and teachings professed by a Missionary.

The course which is under the supervision of Maulvi Shahid and Alhaji M. Kamanda-Bongay will cover lectures on the Quran and the Hadith and Islamic teachings on various aspects of life.

(*Daily Mail Sierra Leone*)

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Date fixed for opening new high school

The new High School, Nusrat High School, Bununkakunda, Kombo St. Mary Division, will admit its first students on 20th September. A spokesman for the Ahmadiyya Movement, added that the Principal was expected this week. He will be travelling to The Gambia from Ghana where he was Principal of a secondary school.

The spokesman added that eligible

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Safety Precautions For Your Children

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With the current increase in c ime, including c h i l d molestations—your children need to learn safety precautions. Be sure to Teach your children the following important principles:

1. Never talk to a stranger who pulls up in a car—man or woman!

2. Don't accept a ride, go for a walk, enter a house or apartment with, or go anywhere with a stranger.

3. Never accept candy, toys, or gifts from a stranger.

4. Any stranger who tries to take them for a ride, give them gifts, touch or harm them should be reported to the nearest policeman, school teacher, school official, or parents if they are near home.

5. Avoid taking shortcuts through deserted parks or school grounds, woods, unfamilir buildings or other potentially dangerous areas.

6. Parents should always know where their children are going, and when they will be back. If delayed for any reason, children should always call home.

7. Teach your children to think of policemen as their friends, and to contact them when help is needed.

Be Wary of Hitchhikers and Hitchhiking

In 1969, hitchhikers were involved in over 35,000 known assaults, murders and thefts involving motorists and their property. Whether you drive an automobile or not, practise t h e following principles:

1. Never Pick Up a Hitchhiker—Man or Woman!

Studies indicate that many hitchhikers have criminal records. For i n s t a n c e, out of 100 hitchhikers questioned by police in one city, only 16 did not have criminal records. One was a former mental patient, two were wanted for theft and the remaining 81 had criminal records for murder, burglary, vagrancy, narcotics or sex offenses! Similar questionings elsewhere show many hitchhikers with criminal records. In fact, in five states it is *again t the law* to hitchike. Many other states have some regulatory laws concerning hitchhiking.

If someone seems to be hitchhiking because of car trouble, drive on and call the police and they will check it out.

2. Never Travel With Car Doors Unlocked or Windows Rolled Down!

Be sure your car doors are locked BEFORE you become tied up in traffic or are stopped at a red light. An uninvited hitchhiker can enter your car, especially if the passenger side is unlocked. Motorists caught in this situation have become victims of robbery, assault and even murder.

3. Never Hitchhike and Never Allow Your Children to Hitchhike!

Often, persons who pick up hitchhikers are criminals or sex deviates. They drive the streets for the sole purpose of picking up hitchhikers. Police files are full of cases of assaults, molestations and rapes committed by such people.

WHAT PRICE PROGRESS

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Women wanted emancipation from drudgery, the home, and Victorian prudery. More and more they entered employment, became economically independent of their husbands. Family life began to deteriorate. Juvenile delinquency put in its appearance, and escalated. Crime increased, accelerated. The divorce rate started an upward spiral, home life began to fall apart.

Despite medical progress, the building of hospitals was gaining momentum along with most other things. The new profession of psychiaty entered our world, and gained momentum—but the increase of mental illness mounted until about half of the hospital beds are occupied with mental patients. Now it would seem we are coming to need another new psychological profession to treat the psychiatrists.

In the decade of the 60's the world's total fund of knowledge Doubled—largely in the fields of science, technology and medicine. But in that same ten years, the world's troubles and evils Doubled Also. On the knowledge production front—the universities—student revolt appeared and accelerated into campus riots and violence. The revolt of youth spread rapidly and the cry "down with the Establishment" gained alarming momentum. Campus morality degenerated into the "New Morality" which is only as "New" as the human race, and as the days of Noah and of Sodom.

The 70's started off with an acceleration of sky-jacking, bombing of commercial jet planes, public buildings, university libraries, banks. Privately organized guerrills can kidnap government officials, take airline passengers as nostages, and dictate to such governments as the United States, Canada, Britain, West Germany, Switzerland. Now we are getting a taste of anarchy. An organized conspiracy is being carried out to kill policemen in the U. S., and thus destory law and order.

Progress? I ask, What Price Progress?

We are told now that we must adjust to living in a world of problems and evils with No Solutions. We are told by world-famous scientists and heads of state that human survival isnow our number one problem, and that the only solution is a world government with absolute power over all nations and individuals—and in the same breath they admit this is impossible.

The Only Solution

But there is a solution. It lies in a return to the True values which humanity has forsaken. Here is the crux of the whole question: The fatal mistake was not in modern science developing materialistic progress. It was in devoting the best minds of science *solely* to materialism—making materialistic Growth their god—setting their hearts *solely* on material things, neglecting moral, spiritual and ethical values.

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children could still register for admission by filling forms obtainable from the Secretary-General.

At present, there is accommodation for 80 children but it is stressed that this number will be increased gradually.

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